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EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENTS: Total employment in the State, estimated at 2,571,800 in December, exhibited a slight increase of 2,700 people (+0.1 percent) from the November estimate. A net monthly gain of 15,300 employees (+0.7 percent) in nonagricultural wage and salary employment (excluding dual jobholders) accounted for this monthly increase. The other two principal employment segments suffered losses over the month. Additional seasonal declines were felt in agricultural employment, which dropped by 11,700 workers (-17.0 percent) from November to December and the "all other" nonagricultural employment category displayed a minor decline of 900 persons (-0.3 percent) over the month.

From November to December, 1979, manufacturing employment (including dual jobholders) experienced a small decline of 1,400 workers (-0.2 percent). The durable goods section displayed mild mixed trends resulting in a net loss of 600 workers while employment in the nondurable goods section dropped by 800 over the month. The decline in nondurable goods industries was mainly due to the layoff of seasonal employees in tobacco stemmeries, as total tobacco employment fell by 1,100 workers (-3.9 percent).

Over the month, nonmanufacturing employment enjoyed a modest gain of 2,800 persons (+0.2 percent). The anticipated seasonal growth of 6,500 employees (+1.4 percent) in trade was primarily responsible for the positive trend in nonmanufacturing. However, a reduction in business as well as a general seasonal slowdown caused construction employment to fall by 2,600 workers (-2.1 percent) in December, 1979.

From December, 1978, to December, 1979, nonagricultural wage and salary employment by place of work has grown by 58,600 people (+2.5 percent) in the state. Nonmanufacturing industries accounted for nearly all of the annual employment growth with impressive yearly gains in the following industries: construction, +8,600; transportation, +4,100; trade, +14,800; finance, +4,400; service, +18,500; and government, +9,000.

MANPOWER RESOURCES: North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated to be 125,400 in December, 1979, a noticeable increase of 7,800 people (+6.6 percent) since November. Consequently, the state's unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 4.4 percent to 4.6 percent over the month. In December of 1978, the picture was somewhat brighter with 95,500 persons who were jobless for a rate of 3.6 percent. The National unadjusted rate of unemployment was 5.6 percent in December and November, 1979, as well as in December, 1978. The National seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment were 5.9 percent this December, 5.8 percent in November, and 5.9 percent in December, 1978. Seasonally adjusted unemployment data are not developed for the state.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

DECEMBER, 1979

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				NOVEMBER, 1979		DECEMBER, 1978	
	DECEMBER 2/ 1979	NOVEMBER 3/ 1979	DECEMBER 1978	NET	%	NET	%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2,697,200	2,686,700	2,673,000	+ 10,500	+ 0.4	+ 24,200	+ 0.9
EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	2,571,800	2,569,100	2,577,500	+ 2,700	+ 0.1	- 5,700	- 0.2
AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57,100	68,800	61,400	- 11,700	- 17.0	- 4,300	- 7.0
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOY. 4/	2,254,500	2,239,200	2,253,900	+ 15,300	+ 0.7	+ 600	*
ALL OTHER NONAG. EMPLOY. 5/	260,200	261,100	262,200	- 900	- 0.3	- 2,000	- 0.8
UNEMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	125,400	117,600	95,500	+ 7,800	+ 6.6	+ 29,900	+ 31.3
STATE UNADJUSTED RATE	4.6	4.4	3.6	+ 0.2	XXX	+ 1.0	XXX
NATIONAL RATE (UNADJUSTED)	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	XXX	0	XXX
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)	5.9	5.8	5.9	+ 0.1	XXX	0	XXX

1/ ALL DATA REVISED TO REFLECT 1978 BENCHMARK REVISIONS.
2/ PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.
3/ REVISED ESTIMATES.
4/ ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE DUAL JOBHOLDERS AND THE EFFECTS OF WORKER COMMUTING.
5/ INCLUDES SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS, UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS, AND DOMESTIC WORKERS IN PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS.
*LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED: During the mid-week of December, 1979, there were 45,310 persons filing claims for unemployment insurance in the state. That was a substantial over-the-month increase of 15,025 (+49.6 percent). The largest claimant group by age was the twenty-five to thirty-four group, which had 14,771 or 32.6 percent of the total. The under twenty-five age group was the second largest with 9,962 or 22.0 percent. As would be expected, the group which had the smallest number of claimants was sixty-five and over with only 437 or 1.0 percent of the total. For the first time in recent months, the majority of the claimants were male (23,542 or 52.0 percent). Most of the claimants were white (28,182 or 62.2 percent). People with an unemployment duration of one to two weeks comprised the largest segment with 13,629 or 30.1 percent of the total. The fifteen weeks and over segment was next with 10,131 or 22.4 percent. Bench work occupations had the largest claimant representation in December with 8,503 or 18.8 percent. Clerical and sales was a close second with 7,337 or 16.2 percent. Almost half of the claimants (22,303 or 49.2 percent) were last employed in manufacturing jobs. The following table provides additional information on the insured unemployed in the state during December, 1979.

NORTH CAROLINA
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
Mid-December, 1979

	Number	Percent
Total	45,310	100.0
Age		
Under 25	9,962	22.0
25-34	14,771	32.6
35-44	8,600	19.0
45-54	6,778	15.0
55-64	4,762	10.4
65 and Over	437	1.0
Sex		
Male	23,542	52.0
Female	21,768	48.0
Ethnic Group		
White	28,182	62.2
Nonwhite	17,128	37.8
Unemployment Duration		
1-2 Weeks	13,629	30.1
3-4 Weeks	6,268	13.8
5-9 Weeks	9,718	21.4
10-14 Weeks	5,564	12.3
15 and Over	10,131	22.4
Occupation		
Prof. Tech., and Mgr.	4,082	9.0
Clerical and Sales	7,337	16.2
Service	4,665	10.3
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	777	1.7
Processing	1,895	4.2
Machine Trades	5,564	12.3
Bench Work	8,503	18.8
Structural Work	6,025	13.3
Miscellaneous	6,462	14.2
Industry Attachment		
Mining	49	0.1
Construction	6,074	13.4
Manufacturing	22,303	49.2
Public Utilities	1,870	4.1
Trade	5,247	11.6
Finance	632	1.4
Service	4,495	9.9
All Other	4,640	10.3

AVAILABLE APPLICANTS: There were 160,739 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices across North Carolina as of December 31, 1979. That was a significant over-the-month drop of 14,945 (-8.5 percent). At the end of December, the largest applicant group by age was under twenty-five with 54,612 or 34.0 percent of the total. The thirty to thirty-nine year olds were the second largest applicant segment with 37,713 or 23.4 percent. The smallest segment was age sixty-five and over which had just 937 or 0.6 percent of the total. The majority of the active applicants were female (83,083 or 51.7 percent). Whites, who totaled 86,501, accounted for 53.8 percent of the total. The vast majority of the active applicants (146,953 or 91.4 percent) were not working at the time they registered with Job Service. More data on North Carolina's active applicant file as of the end of December, 1979, are given in the next table.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

December 31, 1979

	Number	Percent
Total	160,739	100.0
Age		
Under 25	54,612	34.0
25-29	30,734	19.1
30-39	37,713	23.4
40-44	10,967	6.8
45-54	16,992	10.6
55-64	8,784	5.5
65 and Over	937	0.6
Sex		
Male	77,656	48.3
Female	83,083	51.7
Ethnic Group		
White (not Hispanic)	86,501	53.8
Black (not Hispanic)	70,089	43.6
Hispanic	747	0.5
American Indian & Alaskan Native	2,227	1.4
Other Races & Undetermined	1,175	0.7
Eligible Claimant	61,682	38.4
Veteran	30,268	18.8
Handicapped	18,662	11.6
Economically Disadvantaged	52,857	32.9
Employment Status		
Full Time	9,045	5.6
Part Time	4,741	3.0
Not Working	146,953	91.4

HOURS AND EARNINGS: In December, 1979, the average hourly earnings of the state's manufacturing production workers was $5.10 - an over-the-month gain of 3¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) and an over-the-year increase of 45¢ (+9.7 percent). The durable goods segment experienced a monthly gain of 2¢ to average $5.19 in December plus a yearly increase of 45¢ (+9.5 percent). Transportation equipment was the durable goods industry which enjoyed the largest net monthly surge, adding 10¢ an hour (+1.8 percent) to hit $5.64. Fabricated metals followed with an over-the-month rise of 6¢ (+1.0 percent) to reach $5.94 in December. The nondurable goods segment displayed an over-the-month increase of 4¢ an hour for a December figure of $5.05. Over the year, nondurables advanced by 45¢ (+9.8 percent). The nondurable goods industry which exhibited the largest net monthly increase was tobacco, which jumped by 21¢ (+2.8 percent) for a December level of $7.65. Rubber products was next with a 12¢ an hour jump (+2.2 percent) to hit $5.70. In December, 1979, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers was $207.57. That figure represents a monthly increase of $3.25 (+1.6 percent) and a yearly gain of $18.78 (+9.9 percent). The average weekly hours of manufacturing production workers stood at 40.7 in December, 1979, an increase of 0.4 hours since November and a small increase of 0.1 hours since December, 1978.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The consumer price index (cost of living) for all urban consumers jumped to 229.9 in December, 1979, as announced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That figure represents an over-the-month increase of 1.1 percent and an over-the-year gain of 13.3 percent. Each of the principal groups in the index exhibited monthly increases. Housing and transportation each experienced an over-the-month rise of 1.2 percent which was the largest monthly jump in the index. The cost of medical care followed with a 1.1 percent hike over the month. Food and beverages came in third with a monthly increase of 1.0 percent. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, was 43.5¢ in December, 1979.

TURNOVER INDICATES DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT: Labor turnover data submitted by slected manufacturers in November revealed a decline in both accessions and separations. Both durable and nondurable goods decreased considerably over the previous month. The separation rate, however, was higher than that for accessions which resulted in a net worker loss of 0.5 per hundred. Quits were lower than in October but layoffs rose.

The durable goods segment recorded a net worker loss of 0.2 per hundred as employment declines were high in lumber (-1.9 per hundred) and miscellaneous manufacturing (-2.7 workers per hundred). Decreases were also registered in furniture; stone, clay and glass products; fabricated metals and transportation equipment. Primary metals (+0.7), electrical machinery (+0.3), and nonelectrical machinery (+0.8) were the only industries experiencing gains.

Seasonal factors dominated the nondurable goods industries, causing a worker decline of 0.6 per hundred during November. Operations slackened significantly in the tobacco processing plants resulting in a net loss of 11.5 per hundred workers. Losses were also noted in food, textiles, and paper. Hiring was on the upswing in grain mill products (+0.7), in printing (+1.5), chemicals (+0.2), and leather (+0.7 per hundred workers). Workers moved into and out of jobs at the same rate in apparel and rubber.

Employment losses in mining and quarrying operations followed the same general downward pattern as in manufacturing but at a lower level -- the November loss being 0.3 workers per hundred.

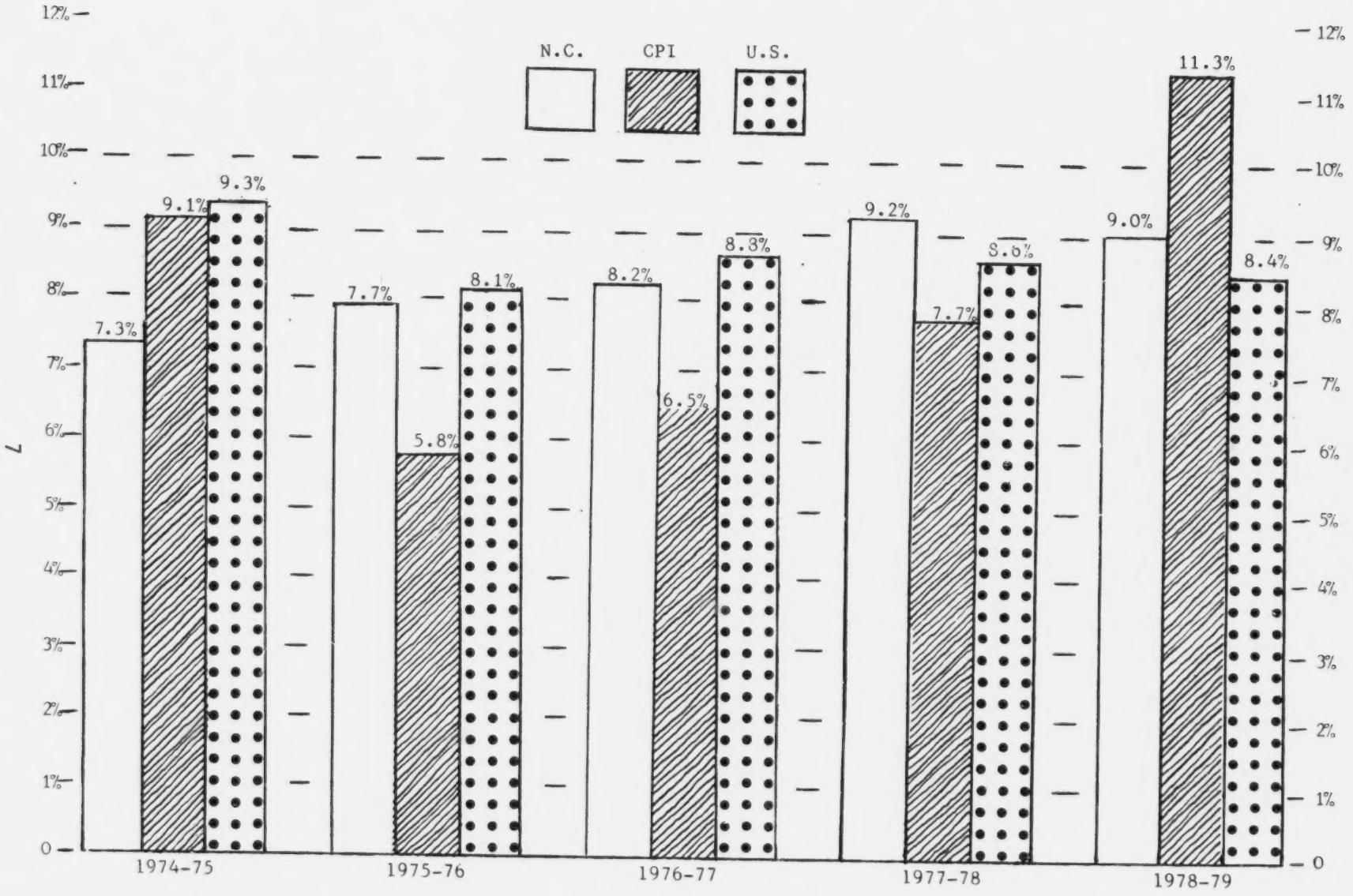
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS COMPARISON: During three of the past five comparable periods, the percent change of average hourly earnings of North Carolina manufacturing production workers exceeded the percent change of the U.S. Consumer Price Index. In terms of average hourly earnings, North Carolinians experienced a percent greater than that of the U.S. in two of the past five study periods. For the three comparable series, North Carolina reflects a five year average in earnings of 8.3 percent; the Consumer Price Index 8.1 percent; and the U.S. earnings of 8.6 percent.

While average hourly earnings of the North Carolina manufacturing sector has exceeded the gain of that for the U.S. factory division for the past two comparable periods, it should be pointed out that in 1973, the North Carolina hourly earnings numeric amount equalled only 73 percent of that for the U.S., a $2.99 vs. $4.09, and in 1979 the same 73 percent existed--$4.87 vs. $6.66.

The graph on the following page depicts these comparisons.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK: It is anticipated that North Carolina's total employment may decline somewhat during the first two months of 1980. Expected seasonal decreases should occur in some industries such as trade, construction, and agriculture. Moreover, total unemployment in the state will probably increase noticeably during this period and, more than likely, the rate will rise above 5.0 percent.

COMPARISON OF PERCENT CHANGES OF AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND THE U.S. AVERAGE MANUFACTURING EARNINGS
1974-75 through 1978-79*



* The percent changes in earnings for 1978-79 are preliminary and subject to change.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1979

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1979 (Thous.)	November 1979 (Thous.)	December 1978 (Thous.)	November 1979	December 1978
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES	2,377.5	2,376.1	2,318.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
MANUFACTURING	812.7	814.1	813.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
DURABLE GOODS	291.8	292.4	288.2	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Lumber & Wood Prods., Exc. Furn.	34.7	34.8	35.4	- 0.3	- 2.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.8	13.7	13.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Millwork, Plywood, etc.	8.4	8.6	8.9	- 2.4	- 5.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.4	3.3	3.4	+ 3.0	-0-
Furniture & Fixtures	82.9	83.2	83.5	- 0.4	- 0.7
Household Furniture	75.8	76.1	76.3	- 0.4	- 0.7
Wood HH Furn., Exc. Upholstered	43.6	43.9	43.4	- 0.7	+ 0.5
Wood HH Furn., Upholstered	28.1	28.2	28.7	- 0.4	- 2.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete Prods.	18.4	18.5	18.5	- 0.5	- 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.5	2.8	-0-	- 10.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	5.0	-0-	-0-
Primary Metal Products	7.7	7.9	7.7	- 2.5	-0-
Fabricated Metal Products	26.6	26.4	26.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Fab. Structural Metals	11.5	11.4	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 4.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	40.7	40.6	38.5	+ 0.2	+ 5.7
Special Industrial Machinery	8.3	8.2	8.0	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Electrical Machinery	52.0	51.9	48.7	+ 0.2	+ 6.8
Household Appliances	7.4	7.5	6.4	- 1.3	+ 15.6
Transportation Equipment	13.1	13.3	13.8	- 1.5	- 5.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.7	15.8	15.9	- 0.6	- 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	520.9	521.7	525.2	- 0.2	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	43.7	43.7	42.9	-0-	+ 1.9
Meat Products	14.7	14.9	14.1	- 1.3	+ 4.3
Meat Packing Plants	3.0	3.1	2.8	- 3.2	+ 7.1
Dairy Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	-0-	+ 2.6
Grain Mill Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	-0-	-0-
Bakery Products	9.1	8.9	8.9	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
Beverages	6.9	6.9	6.8	-0-	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufactures	27.0	28.1	31.1	- 3.9	- 13.2
Cigarettes	20.0	20.0	19.9	-0-	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.5	7.5	10.6	- 13.3	- 38.7
Textile Mill Products	251.6	251.2	252.9	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Broad Woven Fabric Mills	80.6	80.1	80.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Broad Woven, Cotton	40.8	40.4	39.6	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
Broad Woven, Man-Made Fiber & Silk	39.5	39.4	40.5	+ 0.3	- 2.5
Knitting Mills	79.9	80.1	80.3	- 0.2	- 0.5
Women's Full & Knee Length Hos.	18.9	19.0	18.5	- 0.5	+ 2.2
Hos., Exc. Women's Full & Knee Length	24.4	24.6	24.6	- 0.8	- 0.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	17.5	17.4	17.9	+ 0.6	- 2.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.4	7.3	7.7	+ 1.4	- 3.9
Dyeing & Finishing Textiles	17.9	17.7	17.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	59.5	59.4	60.7	+ 0.2	- 2.0

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1979

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1979 (Thous.)	November 1979 (Thous.)	December 1978 (Thous.)	November 1979	December 1978
Apparel & Other Finished Prods.	89.2	89.7	90.2	- 0.6	- 1.1
Men's, Youths', & Boys' Clothing	27.1	27.1	27.2	-0-	- 0.4
Women's,Misses', & Children's Clothing	43.5	43.7	43.9	- 0.5	- 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	21.0	20.9	21.3	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Pulp & Paperboard Mills	12.0	11.7	11.8	+ 2.6	+ 1.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.8	6.0	-0-	- 3.3
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	20.6	20.3	19.8	+ 1.5	+ 4.0
Newspapers	8.1	8.1	7.9	-0-	+ 2.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.1	38.0	37.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Plastics & Synthetic Materials	19.2	19.2	19.4	-0-	- 1.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.9	25.1	25.4	- 0.8	- 2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.8	4.7	4.5	+ 2.1	+ 6.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,564.8	1,562.0	1,505.5	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
MINING	4.8	4.7	4.9	+ 2.1	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	122.2	124.8	113.6	- 2.1	+ 7.6
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	113.6	114.1	109.5	- 0.4	+ 3.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.9	57.5	53.8	- 1.0	+ 5.8
Communications & Public Utilities	49.6	49.5	48.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
TRADE	480.1	473.6	465.3	+ 1.4	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	120.0	121.0	115.4	- 0.8	+ 4.0
Durable Goods	68.3	68.0	65.7	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Nondurable Goods	51.7	53.0	49.7	- 2.5	+ 4.0
Retail Trade	360.1	352.6	349.9	+ 2.1	+ 2.9
General Merchandise Stores	64.4	59.8	64.5	+ 7.7	- 0.2
Variety Stores	15.3	14.3	15.5	+ 7.0	- 1.3
Food Stores	55.7	55.1	53.3	+ 1.1	+ 4.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	90.2	90.0	85.8	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
SERVICES	334.9	334.5	316.4	+ 0.1	+ 5.8
Hotel & Rooming Houses	16.5	17.3	16.0	- 4.6	+ 3.1
Personal Services	23.4	23.5	23.6	- 0.4	- 0.8
Laundries & Dry Cleaners	10.6	10.6	10.6	-0-	-0-
GOVERNMENT	419.0	420.3	410.0	- 0.3	+ 2.2
Federal	46.7	46.7	46.4	-0-	+ 0.6
State	135.8	136.7	130.8	- 0.7	+ 3.8
Education	72.5	73.0	69.9	- 0.7	+ 3.7
Other	63.3	63.7	60.9	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Local	236.5	236.9	232.8	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Education	136.0	135.5	132.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Other	100.5	101.4	100.6	- 0.9	- 0.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes instruments and miscellaneous manufacturing.
3/ Includes petroleum and leather products.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

DECEMBER, 1979

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1979 (Thous.)	November 1979 (Thous.)	December 1978 (Thous.)	November 1979	December 1978
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES	2,359.9	2,355.6	2,301.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	812.8	809.4	813.1	+ 0.4	*
DURABLE GOODS	291.5	291.3	287.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Lumber & Wood Prods., Exc. Furn.	35.1	34.9	35.8	+ 0.6	- 2.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	14.0	13.8	13.8	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Millwork, Plywood, etc.	8.4	8.6	9.0	- 2.3	- 6.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.4	3.4	3.7	0	- 8.1
Furniture & Fixtures	82.0	82.4	82.6	- 0.5	- 0.7
Household Furniture	75.1	75.5	75.6	- 0.5	- 0.7
Wood HH Furn., Exc. Upholstered	43.2	43.6	43.1	- 0.9	+ 0.2
Wood HH Furn., Upholstered	27.6	27.8	28.2	- 0.7	- 2.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete Prods.	18.4	18.4	18.5	0	- 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.5	2.9	0	- 13.8
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
Primary Metal Products	7.7	8.0	7.7	- 3.8	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.6	26.5	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Fab. Structural Metals	11.3	11.3	10.8	0	+ 4.6
Machinery, Except Electrical	40.9	40.7	38.6	+ 0.5	+ 6.0
Special Industrial Machinery	8.4	8.2	8.0	+ 2.4	+ 5.0
Electrical Machinery	51.9	51.2	48.6	+ 1.4	+ 6.8
Household Appliances	7.1	7.0	6.2	+ 1.4	+ 14.5
Transportation Equipment	13.2	13.5	13.9	- 2.2	- 5.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.7	15.7	15.9	0	- 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	521.3	518.1	525.3	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	44.2	43.8	43.4	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Meat Products	14.8	14.9	14.2	- 0.7	+ 4.2
Meat Packing Plants	3.0	3.1	2.8	- 3.2	+ 7.1
Dairy Products	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	+ 5.1
Grain Mill Products	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 3.6
Bakery Products	9.2	8.9	9.0	+ 3.4	+ 2.2
Beverages	7.1	7.1	7.0	0	+ 1.4
Tobacco Manufactures	25.9	24.7	29.8	+ 4.9	- 13.1
Cigarettes	20.1	20.1	20.0	0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.5	5.0	9.0	+ 10.0	- 38.9
Textile Mill Products	252.4	252.0	253.8	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Broad Woven Fabric Mills	80.1	80.0	79.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Broad Woven, Cotton	40.5	40.4	39.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
Broad Woven, Man-Made Fiber & Silk	39.3	39.4	40.3	- 0.3	- 2.5
Knitting Mills	80.6	80.3	81.0	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Women's Full & Knee Length Hos.	19.0	18.9	18.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Hos., Exc. Women's Full & Knee Length	24.5	24.5	24.7	0	- 0.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	17.7	17.5	18.2	+ 1.3	- 2.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.6	7.4	7.9	+ 2.7	- 3.8
Dyeing & Finishing Textiles	18.0	18.0	17.8	0	+ 1.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	59.9	59.8	61.2	+ 0.2	- 2.1

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

DECEMBER, 1979

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1979 (Thous.)	November 1979 (Thous.)	December 1978 (Thous.)	November 1979	December 1978
Apparel & Other Finished Prods.	89.8	89.4	90.8	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Men's, Youths', & Boys' Clothing	27.4	27.0	27.5	+ 1.5	- 0.4
Women's,Misses', & Children's Clothing	44.0	43.7	44.4	+ 0.7	- 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	20.7	20.7	21.0	0	- 1.4
Pulp & Paperboard Mills	11.8	11.7	11.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.7	5.7	5.9	0	- 3.4
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	20.4	20.2	19.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
Newspapers	8.0	8.1	7.8	- 1.2	+ 2.6
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.4	37.7	37.3	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
Plastics & Synthetic Materials	19.2	18.8	19.4	+ 2.1	- 1.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.7	24.9	25.1	- 0.8	- 1.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.8	4.7	4.5	+ 2.1	+ 6.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,547.1	1,546.2	1,487.9	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
MINING	4.8	4.7	4.9	+ 2.1	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	123.6	123.3	114.9	+ 0.2	+ 7.6
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	114.2	114.3	110.0	- 0.1	+ 3.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	57.2	57.4	54.1	- 0.3	+ 5.7
Communications & Public Utilities	49.8	49.6	48.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
TRADE	464.8	467.7	450.3	- 0.6	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	120.2	120.3	115.6	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Durable Goods	68.4	68.3	65.8	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
Nondurable Goods	51.8	52.0	49.8	- 0.4	+ 4.0
Retail Trade	344.6	347.4	334.7	- 0.8	+ 3.0
General Merchandise Stores	55.2	56.6	55.3	- 2.5	- 0.2
Variety Stores	13.1	13.4	13.3	- 2.2	- 1.5
Food Stores	54.6	54.5	52.2	+ 0.2	+ 4.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	90.8	90.6	86.4	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
SERVICES	340.0	336.9	321.1	+ 0.9	+ 5.9
Hotel & Rooming Houses	18.4	18.2	17.8	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Personal Services	23.4	23.6	23.6	- 0.8	- 0.8
Laundries & Dry Cleaners	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	408.9	408.7	400.3	*	+ 2.1
Federal	46.6	46.7	46.3	- 0.2	+ 0.6
State	132.2	132.3	127.4	- 0.1	+ 3.8
Education	68.1	68.3	65.7	- 0.3	+ 3.7
Other	64.1	64.0	61.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Local	230.1	229.7	226.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Education	128.7	128.0	125.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Other	101.4	101.7	101.5	- 0.3	- 0.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes instruments and miscellaneous manufacturing.

3/ Includes petroleum and leather products.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

DECEMBER, 1979

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
MANUFACTURING	$207.57	$204.32	$188.79	40.7	40.3	40.6	$ 5.10	$ 5.07	$ 4.65
DURABLE GOODS	213.83	211.45	196.71	41.2	40.9	41.5	5.19	5.17	4.74
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS., EX. FURN.	184.58	181.80	167.28	41.2	40.4	40.9	4.48	4.50	4.09
MILLWORK, PLYWOOD, ETC.	181.36	179.58	170.53	41.5	41.0	41.9	4.37	4.38	4.07
WOOD BLDGS. & MOBILE HOMES	202.75	205.10	203.61	35.2	35.0	38.2	5.76	5.86	5.33
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	187.70	185.57	179.20	39.6	39.4	41.1	4.74	4.71	4.36
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	186.91	186.52	179.63	39.6	39.6	41.2	4.72	4.71	4.36
WOOD HH FURNITURE, EX. UPH.	183.06	184.46	179.76	40.5	40.9	42.8	4.52	4.51	4.20
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS	234.64	228.52	223.08	41.9	41.1	42.9	5.60	5.56	5.20
STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS	196.23	193.53	188.76	42.2	41.8	42.9	4.65	4.63	4.40
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	252.52	247.80	235.44	42.8	42.0	43.2	5.90	5.90	5.45
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	248.29	245.20	222.26	41.8	41.7	41.7	5.94	5.88	5.33
MACHINERY, NONELECTRICAL	247.60	245.03	224.90	43.9	43.6	43.5	5.64	5.62	5.17
SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY	236.74	230.57	216.06	41.9	41.1	42.2	5.65	5.61	5.12
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	236.02	238.57	211.15	41.7	42.3	41.0	5.66	5.64	5.15
HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	197.14	212.16	178.70	40.9	44.2	40.8	4.82	4.80	4.38
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	230.11	225.48	209.00	40.8	40.7	41.8	5.64	5.54	5.00
NONDURABLE GOODS	204.02	200.40	184.46	40.4	40.0	40.1	5.05	5.01	4.60
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	184.71	181.42	175.34	39.3	39.1	40.4	4.70	4.64	4.34
MEAT PRODUCTS	172.04	169.40	158.26	39.1	38.5	38.6	4.40	4.40	4.10
MEAT PACKING	261.66	252.52	248.05	44.5	42.8	45.1	5.88	5.90	5.50
DAIRY PRODUCTS	191.94	191.48	179.76	42.0	41.9	42.0	4.57	4.57	4.28
GRAIN MILL PRODUCTS	211.77	207.77	209.15	41.2	40.9	44.5	5.14	5.08	4.70
BAKERY PRODUCTS	185.98	190.26	185.47	36.9	37.9	41.4	5.04	5.02	4.48
BEVERAGE	238.82	214.11	213.00	43.9	41.9	42.6	5.44	5.11	5.00
TOBACCO MANUFACTURING	306.00	286.44	240.86	40.0	38.5	38.6	7.65	7.44	6.24
CIGARETTES	352.06	339.60	293.35	40.7	40.0	38.7	8.65	8.49	7.58
TOBACCO STEMMING & REDRYING	147.00	127.80	135.20	37.5	33.9	38.3	3.92	3.77	3.53
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	196.94	195.16	178.20	41.2	41.0	40.5	4.78	4.76	4.40
BROAD WOVEN FABRICS	212.90	213.41	197.06	41.5	41.6	41.4	5.13	5.13	4.76
BROAD WOVEN, COTTON	212.90	215.27	199.07	41.5	41.8	41.3	5.13	5.15	4.82
BROAD WOVEN, MAN-MADE FIBER & SILK	213.31	212.07	195.05	41.5	41.5	41.5	5.14	5.11	4.70
KNITTING MILLS	179.10	175.72	162.31	39.8	39.4	39.3	4.50	4.46	4.13
WOMEN'S FULL & KNEE LGTH HOS.	177.05	166.21	160.39	40.7	39.2	40.3	4.35	4.24	3.98
HOSIERY, EX. WOMEN'S FULL& KNEE LG.	153.97	160.23	141.57	36.4	37.7	36.3	4.23	4.25	3.90
CIRCULAR KNIT FABRIC MILLS	206.42	202.03	188.00	42.3	41.4	41.5	4.88	4.88	4.53
WARP KNIT FABRIC MILLS	225.14	218.68	197.96	45.3	44.0	43.7	4.97	4.97	4.53
DYEING & FINISHING TEXTILES	216.86	215.50	195.39	43.2	43.1	42.2	5.02	5.00	4.63
YARN & THREAD MILLS	191.40	190.49	168.87	41.7	41.5	40.4	4.59	4.59	4.18
APPAREL & OTHER FINISHED PRODUCTS	145.10	142.45	129.89	37.3	37.0	36.9	3.89	3.85	3.52
MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING	145.86	139.35	129.94	37.4	36.1	36.5	3.90	3.86	3.56
WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S GARMENTS	138.37	136.16	121.30	36.8	36.7	36.1	3.76	3.71	3.36
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	353.13	358.66	308.79	44.7	45.4	43.8	7.90	7.90	7.05
PULP & PAPERBOARD MILLS	419.07	436.37	368.83	45.9	47.9	45.2	9.13	9.11	8.16
PAPERBOARD CONTAINERS & BOXES	254.15	249.83	230.12	44.2	43.6	43.5	5.75	5.73	5.29
PRINTING, PUBLISHING, & ALLIED IND.	221.13	218.04	207.00	39.7	39.5	41.4	5.57	5.52	5.00
NEWSPAPERS	215.49	214.20	206.96	35.5	35.7	36.5	6.07	6.00	5.67
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	259.90	252.05	240.03	40.8	40.2	41.6	6.37	6.27	5.77
PLASTICS & SYNTHETIC MATERIALS	285.80	270.82	265.56	41.3	40.3	41.3	6.92	6.72	6.43
RUBBER & MISC. PLASTICS PRODS.	239.97	224.32	230.69	42.1	40.2	42.8	5.70	5.58	5.39
MINING	238.48	257.80	228.83	44.0	46.2	46.7	5.42	5.58	4.90
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	297.00	298.10	270.54	39.6	39.8	40.5	7.50	7.49	6.68
TRADE	174.96	173.27	163.17	36.0	35.8	36.1	4.86	4.84	4.52
WHOLESALE	219.94	217.09	204.69	39.7	39.4	39.9	5.54	5.51	5.13
RETAIL	154.69	153.56	145.59	34.3	34.2	34.5	4.51	4.49	4.22
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	120.59	112.03	110.83	30.3	28.8	30.7	3.98	3.89	3.61
VARIETY STORES	97.83	88.72	86.09	30.1	27.9	30.1	3.25	3.18	2.86
FOOD STORES	168.15	168.32	161.14	33.1	33.2	33.5	5.08	5.07	4.81
SERVICES, HOTELS & ROOMING HOUSES	105.70	104.08	94.11	29.2	29.4	29.5	3.62	3.54	3.19
SERVICES, LAUNDRIES & DRY CLEANING	140.18	138.62	124.24	36.6	36.1	35.6	3.83	3.84	3.49

1/ CURRENT DATA ARE PRELIMINARY

LABOR TURNOVER RATES PER 100 EMPLOYEES IN NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING AND MINING INDUSTRIES

November, 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES					
	TOTAL		NEW HIRES		RECALLS		TOTAL		QUITS		LAYOFFS	
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979
TOTAL MINING	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.1	.2	•	2.6	2.4	1.9	1.9	•	•
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	3.3	4.7	2.8	4.0	.3	.4	3.8	4.5	2.2	3.0	.8	.5
DURABLE GOODS	3.0	4.1	2.6	3.7	.2	.2	3.2	4.0	1.8	2.7	.5	.4
LUMBER	2.9	5.6	3.6	5.2	.2	.2	4.8	6.1	3.1	4.2	1.0	.8
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	3.2	5.0	3.0	4.6	.1	.2	3.5	4.8	2.1	3.5	.1	.2
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	3.4	5.1	3.1	4.7	.1	.2	3.6	4.9	2.2	3.5	.1	.2
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	3.9	2.9	3.8	2.6	.1	.2	5.0	3.6	3.3	2.7	.9	•
STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.3	•	•	6.0	5.8	5.4	4.3	•	•
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	2.7	3.7	2.4	3.5	.1	•	2.0	3.4	.8	2.2	•	.2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	3.2	5.5	3.1	5.2	.1	.2	3.8	4.6	2.0	3.5	1.0	•
FABRICATED STRUCTURAL METALS	2.3	4.0	2.3	3.8	•	.2	1.7	2.8	1.3	2.4	•	•
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	2.4	3.3	2.0	2.9	.2	.4	1.6	2.5	.9	1.4	.2	.5
SPEC. IND. MACH., EXC. METAL WORKING	2.7	3.2	2.2	3.0	.2	.1	2.8	2.7	1.6	1.3	.7	.8
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	2.4	2.6	1.7	1.9	.3	.3	2.1	2.5	.7	1.1	.6	.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	•	•	2.2	3.1	1.1	1.9	.7	.5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING	4.2	9.3	3.5	8.5	.6	.5	6.9	8.2	3.5	5.8	2.8	.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.6	5.0	2.9	4.2	.4	.5	4.2	4.8	2.4	3.2	1.0	.6
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	3.7	5.5	3.1	4.9	.1	.4	4.0	4.9	2.6	3.7	.4	.2
GRAIN MILL PRODUCTS	3.6	5.3	3.5	5.0	.1	.1	2.9	4.7	2.6	3.3	•	.4
BAKERY PRODUCTS	4.1	3.0	1.9	2.8	•	.1	4.0	3.3	1.8	2.0	.1	.2
TOBACCO MANUFACTURING	.3	3.3	.1	2.5	.1	.3	11.8	6.1	.3	1.9	11.2	3.5
CIGARETTES	.2	.3	.1	.2	•	•	.2	2.5	.1	.1	•	2.2
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	4.2	5.8	3.4	4.7	.5	.7	4.3	5.1	2.8	3.5	.5	.3
BROAD WOVEN FABRICS—COTTON	2.7	3.7	2.2	3.0	.2	.2	2.6	3.3	1.5	1.9	.1	.1
BROAD WOVEN FABRICS—MAN-MADE FIBERS AND SILK	3.7	4.5	2.8	3.2	.4	.7	4.2	4.0	2.6	2.7	.7	.1
KNITTING MILLS	4.3	6.9	3.6	5.9	.6	.8	4.5	5.6	3.1	4.0	.8	.6
HOSIERY, WOMEN'S FULL AND KNEE LENGTH	5.4	7.3	5.0	6.7	.4	.4	5.2	5.3	4.1	4.2	.3	.2
HOSIERY, EXC. WOMEN'S FULL AND KNEE LENGTH	3.6	6.9	3.3	6.7	.2	.2	4.0	5.7	3.2	4.6	.2	.3
OTHER KNITTING	4.2	6.5	3.0	4.9	1.1	1.3	4.6	5.5	2.5	3.4	1.4	1.1
DYEING AND FINISHING TEXTILES	2.9	3.9	2.2	3.2	.2	.4	2.8	3.5	1.7	2.3	•	.2
YARN AND THREAD MILLS	6.3	7.8	5.2	6.3	.7	.9	5.7	7.1	4.1	5.4	.2	•
OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	2.9	3.5	1.8	1.7	.5	.9	4.1	3.3	1.8	1.7	1.3	.3
APPAREL	4.2	6.6	3.6	5.8	.3	.5	4.2	5.8	3.3	4.8	.3	.3
MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS	3.8	5.7	3.3	4.9	.2	.6	3.5	4.9	2.7	4.4	.3	•
WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S GARMENTS	4.4	6.8	3.6	5.8	.4	.6	4.0	5.4	3.2	4.6	.3	.2
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	1.1	1.6	.9	1.3	.1	.1	1.8	2.0	.8	1.1	.3	.3
PULP, PAPER, AND PAPERBOARD	.4	.9	.3	.7	•	•	.9	.9	.2	.4	.1	.1
PAPERBOARD CONTAINERS AND BOXES	2.6	3.0	2.2	2.7	.4	.2	3.9	5.2	2.2	3.1	1.1	.9
PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED	4.2	2.9	3.9	2.6	.2	.2	2.7	3.1	2.1	2.4	.1	.1
NEWSPAPERS	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	.1	.1	2.4	2.7	1.9	2.1	.3	.1
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	1.1	1.6	.9	1.3	.1	.1	.9	2.0	.5	.7	.1	.8
PLASTICS, SYNTHETICS, ETC.	.9	.8	.7	.6	•	•	.8	.8	.4	.5	.2	•
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.4	3.2	1.3	2.4	1.9	.6	3.4	4.1	1.5	1.7	1.1	1.4
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	5.3	6.3	4.7	6.1	.1	•	4.6	5.7	3.3	4.5	.1	.1

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RATES ARE BASED ON MONTHLY REPORTS SUBMITTED BY SELECTED EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.